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SUBJ: LEONHARDY'S KIDNAPPERS CONFESS

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1. FOUR OF THE FOURTEEN SUSPECTS IN THE ZUNO KIDNAPPING CASE HAVE CONFESSED TO PARTICIPATION IN THE MAY 4, 1973, KIDNAPPING OF U.S. CONSUL GENERAL TERRANCE G. LEONHARDY. THE FOUR ARE: DAVID LOPEZ VALENZUELA, JOSE MANUEL RAMON GARCIA GARCIA, CARIDAD DE MONTSERRAT MORENO DIAZ, FERNANDO ACOSTA VERA. TWO OTHER MEMBERS OF THE FUERZAS REVOLUCIONARIAS ARMADAS DEL PUEBLO (FRAP) WHO ARE STILL AT LARGE WERE ALSO IMPLICATED AS THE LEADERS. THEY ARE RAMON CAMPANA LOPEZ AND FRANCISCO JAVIER MARTINEZ MEJIA. FIVE OTHERS ARE ALREADY IN JAIL.

2. THE KIDNAPPING OF LEONHARDY FOR THE PURPOSE OF OBTAINING THE RELEASE OF 30 PRISONERS, ESPECIALLY TWO OF THE CAMPANA LOPEZ BROTHERS, AND THE KIDNAPPING OF LOCAL INDUSTRIALIST PEDRO SARQUIS FOR THE PURPOSE OF OBTAINING A LARGE RANSOM WERE PLANNED FOR ON JANUARY 2, 1973. SARQUIS DIED OF A HEART ATTACK DURING HIS KIDNAPPING IN JUNE 1974 AFTER A RANSOM OF THREE MILLION PESOS WAS PAID TO THE FRAP BY HIS FAMILY.

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3. WHILE NOMINALLY A LEFT-WING TERRORIST GROUP ;ACTING FOR THE GOOD OF THE PEOPLE,; THE FRAP HAS BEEN SHOWN TO BE NOTHING MORE THAN A BAND OF YOUNG GANGSTERS INVOLVED IN KIDNAPPINGS, BANK ROBBERIES, AND OTHER CRIMES MAINLY FOR THE PURPOSE OF OBTAINING MONEY AND THE FREEDOM OF THEIR JAILED MEMBERS.
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